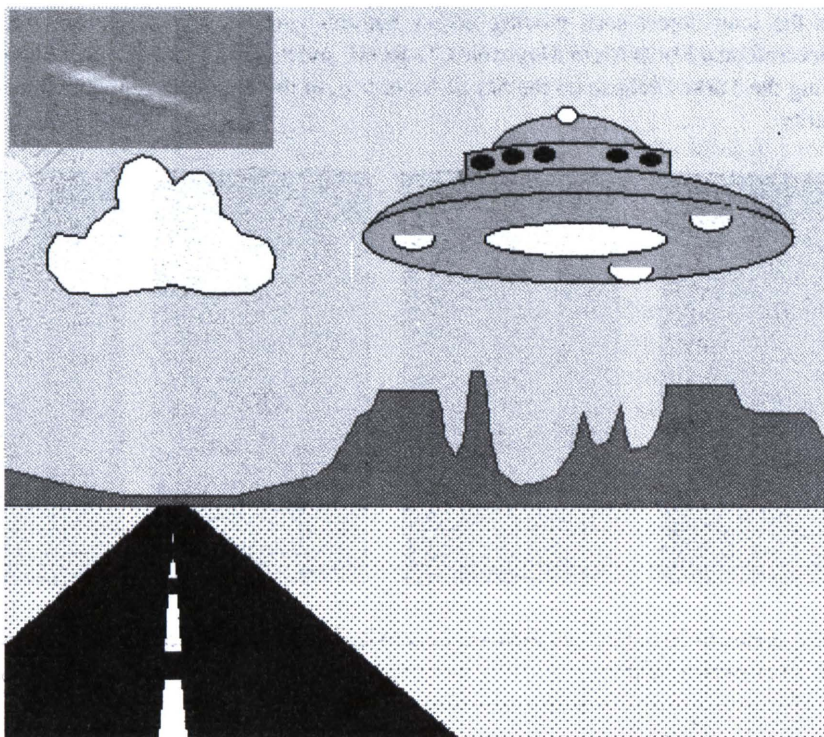


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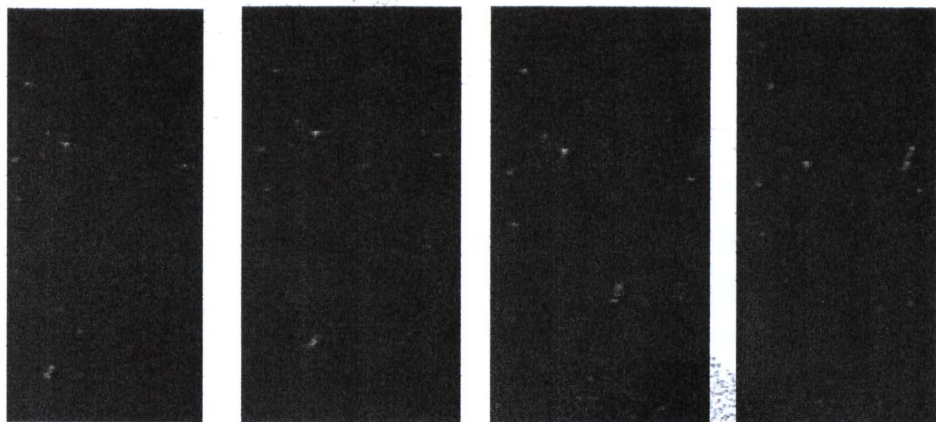


**Newsletter of the STAR Fellowship**

### UFO SEEN FROM PATRICK MOORE'S GARDEN?

On an edition of *The Sky at Night* broadcast in October in which a number of astronomers were in his garden making observations of the various things visible and discussing them, there was a picture of the sky as it appeared on the night, and a lighted object was seen travelling across one of the corners of the picture. It did not make any unusual movements, but did not appear to be aircraft lights. It was not mentioned in the commentary; what was being said at the time was "tonight Sir Patrick seems to have ordered the weather and there doesn't seem to be any cloud or interference at all..."

This is one of several UFOs reported in *Amskaya* connected with *The Sky at Night*. Another was the long object seen moving across Saturn's rings in a picture from the Cassini spacecraft on a *Sky at Night Magazine* CD-ROM, and there were the pictures I took myself during the Turkey eclipse on the *Sky at Night* trip, of the erratically-moving object during totality.



There seems to have been an increase in activity lately, as reported by various newspaper web sites shown below:

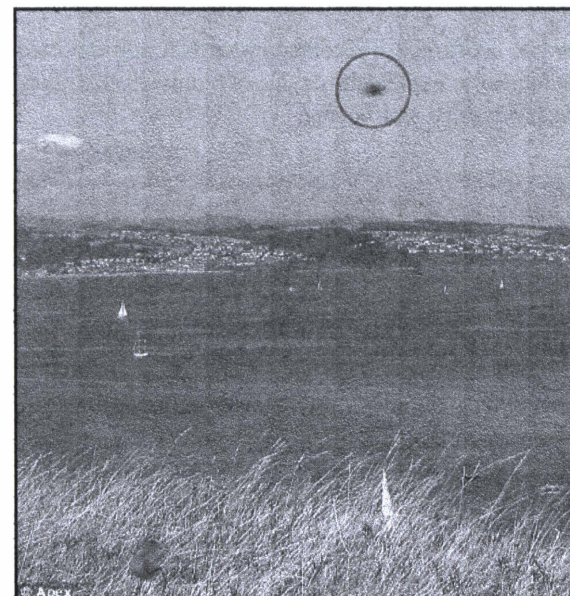
**Daily Mail, Sunday, Oct 26 2008**

**Caught on camera: Mysterious speeding object leaves UFO experts puzzled**  
**By Daily Mail Reporter**

As a budding photographer, John Farley is used to capturing some extraordinary scenes and images. But nothing could prepare him for the shock of a speeding UFO which he caught on camera while taking pictures of a famous British beauty spot.

Mr Farley was snapping away at Berry Head in Brixham, Devon, when he captured the unusual image of sunny Torbay.

But it wasn't until he got home and glanced through the images on his computer that he noticed a mysterious round object in the background.



**John Farley captured this strange object while taking photographs in Devon**

across the night sky on Saturday - which saw a record number of such sightings in the UK. A Devon couple also claim to have witnessed some 'unusual activity' near their home in Barnsey Gardens, Ashburton. Wayne and Jo Taylor were treated to a spectacular light show as they sat outside their home on Saturday night.

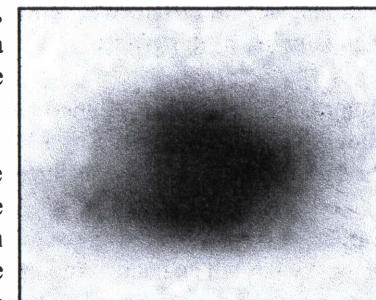
Mr. Taylor, 40, said: 'I just couldn't believe it. I've never seen anything like it in my life before.' He counted about a dozen, slow-moving circular lights in formation heading towards Dartmoor at 10.20pm. The whole of Ashburton is now talking about it. I have

'I don't know what it is,' said the retired bus driver from Kingskerswell near Newton Abbot. The strange object has left even photographic experts scratching their heads as to what it could possibly be.

'The picture was taken at a thousandth of a second at f4 which would normally make any moving object pin-sharp,' one expert said.

'The fact that John's object is blurred is a bit baffling. I'm afraid we can't identify what's there except to say it's moving pretty damn quickly.'

The sighting was just one of a series of mysterious lights flitted





absolutely no rational explanation for what I saw. The lights moved at one stage at a 90 degree angle.

'They were not these lanterns that people keep reporting. There was no way of telling how far or close they were. It's very difficult to explain them. They were quite random.' At the same time other star-gazers across the country were being similarly gob-smacked by the apparitions with 200 seen at various points between the South West and Yorkshire.

A spokesman for UFO Investigations UK confirmed it received more than 200 reported sightings. He called for a Government inquiry to explain the deluge of reports from Sussex and Bedfordshire and from Devon to Lancashire and beyond.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1039557/Caught-camera-Mysterious-speeding-object-leaves-UFO-experts-puzzled.html>

**Daily Telegraph, 7th July 2008**  
**British UFO sightings at 'bizarre' levels**  
**By Laura Clout**

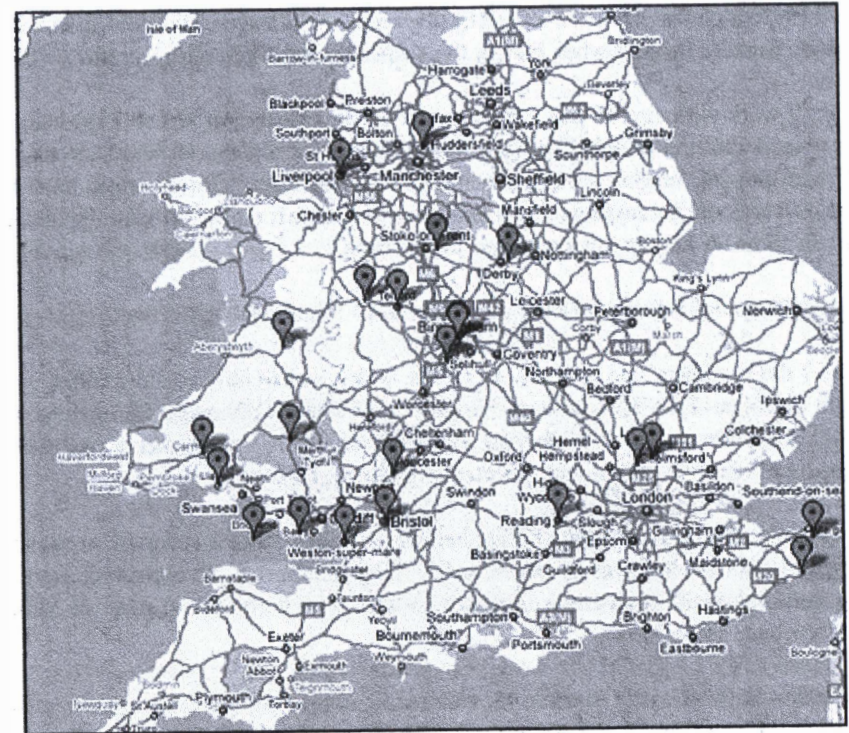
Whether alien activity or natural phenomena, reports of UFOs have flooded in this summer from across the country. Plotted on a map of Britain, the sightings can be seen to stretch from Liverpool to Dover and from Llanelli to Derby. Whatever the explanation, experts agree that the number of suspected flying saucers has hit unusual highs this summer.

Malcolm Robinson, who studies the phenomenon, said: "Something very bizarre is happening in the skies over the UK."

The founder member of Strange Phenomena Investigations, added: "There has been an unusual number of sightings recently. Some experts believe it could be linked to global warming and craft from outer space are appearing because they are concerned about what man is doing to this planet."

Among mysterious flying objects spotted in recent months was a 'glowing' disc spotted above the M5 motorway. Royal Navy aircraft engineer Michael Madden said he watched the UFO for three minutes before it 'zoomed off' near Weston-super-Mare in Somerset.

Earlier, in Basingstoke, witnesses claimed to have seen a fleet of 12 orange objects in the night sky for half an hour. And in St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan a police helicopter crew gave chase to another UFO after it appeared to veer at speed towards their aircraft.



One UFO spotter however was left red-faced after his report of a mysterious flying saucer in South Wales turned out to be nothing more other-worldly than the moon.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/howaboutthat/2261941/British-UFO-sightings-at-bizarre-levels.html>

**Daily Telegraph, 2nd July 2008**  
**UFOs spotted by Navy engineer above the M5 motorway**  
**A Royal Navy aircraft engineer claims to have seen a "glowing" UFO hover over the M5 motorway.**  
**By Lucy Cockcroft**

Michael Madden, 25, said he watched in disbelief as a disc-shaped object floated above his head before it "zoomed off at incredible speed". He said the unidentified flying object flew for up to three minutes above junction 21 of the M5, near Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

Mr Madden was on his way back from Manchester with colleague Michael Casson, 22, at 9.50pm on Sunday June 29 when he saw the suspected 'extra-terrestrial' craft.

He said: "I work with aircraft and grew up next to Manchester Airport so I know exactly what a plane looks and sounds like. This was definitely not a plane. It was a circular disc which was glowing bright, hovering hundreds of metres up. Other people must have spotted it. It was unlike anything I've ever seen in my life. It really did look like the alien aircraft in films. It had an antenna fixed to the back."

Mr Madden's claim follows a string of recent UFO "sightings".

On June 7 three soldiers said they saw 13 UFOs, which looked like "rotating cubes", while on night patrol at Tern Hill military barracks near Market Drayton, Shropshire. One, Corporal Mark Proctor, 38, of the 1st Battalion of the Irish Regiment, recorded the sighting on his mobile phone and reported it to Army officers.

That sighting came just two hours before helicopter police officers reported an encounter with a huge craft 80 miles away near Cardiff. They claimed to have given chase to the "flying saucer-shaped" object after it almost collided with their aircraft near the Ministry of Defence base of St Athan.

Then Father-of-two David Osborne, 47, videoed 12 orange objects in the night sky above Basingstoke, Hampshire, at 10.40pm on June 28.

The alleged UFOs moved across the sky, switching from a D formation, to a random pattern, to a line then a triangle before disappearing.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/howaboutthat/2226748/UFOs-spotted-by-Navy-engineer-above-M5-motorway.html>

**Daily Telegraph, 18th April 2008**  
**Huge rise in British UFO sightings**  
**By Gary Cleland**

The number of UFO sightings reported to the MoD is up from 97 to 135. Clusters of up to 100 mysterious objects, bright white lights and strange, triangular shaped objects are just some of a huge surge in UFO sightings reported to the Ministry of Defence last year.

The ministry has opened up its own "X-Files" for 2007, revealing 135 UFO sightings from

across the UK. If aliens are choosing the UK as a holiday destination, it appears it is becoming more popular, as the number of sightings has shot up since 97 were reported in 2006.

Last year the MoD released details of UFO sightings for the first time, including an archive back to 1998. Previously, details of classified reports were kept secret for 30 years. Discs, formations, white or orange lights, triangular shaped craft and pipe-like objects were all spotted buzzing around the sky in 2007.

In Duxford, Cambridgeshire on April 12, a witness reported seeing fifty objects, each with an orange light, assembling in the sky before ascending.

Two pilots in different planes above Alderney in the Channel Islands reported the same UFOs on April 23. They saw one bright orange craft, then a gap, followed by an identical object.

In Portsmouth, Hants, in October, a witness watched as "an oval/spherical shaped object approached an aircraft, and appeared to accelerate very fast, and then wobbled from side to side. Another object appeared in roughly the same vicinity and then stayed stationary."

In the West Midlands in December, one witness got a shock when a UFO shone a light into her window. The MoD logged: "A giant craft shone a light into the witness's back window. It shot off fast at first to the North East and then started to move at a slow pace."

Another report noted a "an exceedingly bright light, which was stationary, but sometimes flew off" over the Wiltshire skies.

Hilary Porter, from the British Earth and Aerial Mysteries Society (BEAMS) said sightings were becoming increasingly common. She said: "There has been a huge influx of UFOs. Absolutely enormous. There has been these huge formations than have been coming.

"We have had so many calls from people that have seen these huge formations. We have had call after call after call, from business people right down to ordinary folk in their cars. "There have been some very close encounters that have been quite unnerving for the people involved. We have had other people reporting orb sightings."

Others maintain that the vast majority of the sightings can be explained. Many are helicopters or other human designed craft like weather balloons and satellites, while others are optical illusions or unusual cloud formations. The MoD made the decision to release



the files after a Freedom of Information request.

A spokeswoman said the ministry does not investigate each and every report. "We only investigate if there have been any objects in British air space that may be military," she said.

"Unless there's evidence of a potential threat we don't investigate to try to identify it."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/1577922/Huge-rise-in-British-UFO-sightings.html>

## LETTERS

### from Norman Darwen, Bolton, Lancashire:

The Manchester Evening News of 15th August 2008 carried a large story about UFOs being seen over Stretford in Manchester around 10-11 p.m. the previous night (please see cutting). I was interested in the comment from one observer, "They were massive", while another describes them as "huge". I recall reading a report by Jenny Randles of a similarly massive UFO seen just a few miles further to the south-west of Manchester back in the nineties (though that one was apparently in rush hour, if my memory serves me correctly). Note also that Manchester is not far at all from the "Pennine Corridor".

### Riddle of the strange lights above Stretford

The truth is out there - in the skies above Stretford. Crowds of people watched in awe as a formation of mysterious orange lights hovered low over their houses. The intensely bright lights, the colour of the setting sun, were spotted by dozens of residents between 10 and 11 pm.

Drivers stopped and neighbours on several streets gathered outside to watch the lights pass slowly overhead. Some took mobile phone videos and photos of the lights, while others reported the sightings to Greater Manchester Police who sent officers to investigate.

Matthew Darsley, 31, of Haworth Drive said, "It was the strangest thing I've ever seen. They looked as if they were on fire, really bright orange orbs. We spotted eight or nine go over between 10 and 11 pm. They definitely weren't helicopters or planes and there was no smoke or sound. They were massive. I took some pictures and video, but I couldn't really seem to capture the size of them, just a bit in the middle like the filament of a light bulb."

A Manchester Airport spokesman said they'd had no reports of unusual activity and the Civil Aviation Authority declined to comment. A Defence Ministry spokesman said they'd

had no reports of unusual activity and the Civil Aviation Authority declined to comment. A Defence Ministry spokesman said it examined unidentified flying object reports solely to "establish whether our airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military aircraft."

Mum Beverley Clarke watched with husband Michael and son Joe from their garden on Abbey Close. "It was amazing" she said. "We caught sight of one through the trees. It went over one of the houses and was still for a while before fading away. Just as it was disappearing, another one came from the same direction. I don't really believe in flying saucers, but they were huge, bright orange spheres..

Experts in defence intelligence reported in 2000 that many UFOs are in fact an atmospheric phenomenon, extremely hot gases created by charges of electricity. And 20 homes in Manchester and a plane were struck by lightning the night before as electrical storms hit the region.

Steve Mera, of the Manchester Association of Paranormal Investigation and Training, said UFO sightings had increased by 40% this year, with 150 in the last three months - and about six percent of sightings remain unexplained. A police spokesman said: "We received two reports of objects in the skies above Stretford. It is believed the lights occurred naturally, possibly as the result of a meteor shower".

Video of the Stretford UFO can be seen on [manchestereveningnews.co.uk](http://manchestereveningnews.co.uk)

### Daily Telegraph, 15th November 2007

#### Pilots call for new UFO investigation

By Bonnie Malkin and agencies

Is it a bird, is it a plane?

They have been dismissed as weather balloons, aircraft and satellites, but a group of aviation experts is now demanding the US government start taking UFOs seriously.

A group of retired pilots, who have given dramatic accounts of witnessing UFOs - including a transparent flying disc and a triangular craft with mysterious markings, insisted their sightings be taken seriously and the government file, which was closed 30 years ago, reopened.

"We want the US government to stop perpetuating the myth that all UFOs can be explained away in down-to-earth, conventional terms," said Fife Symington, former governor of Arizona and air force pilot who says he saw a UFO in 1997.

"Instead our country needs to reopen its official investigation that it shut down in 1969."

"We believe that for reasons of both national security and flight safety, every country should make an effort to identify any object in its airspace," said a statement from the 19 former pilots and government officials from around the world.

The subject of UFOs came up in a recent debate among US presidential candidates, with Democrat Dennis Kucinich saying he once saw a UFO - making him the object of ridicule and jokes by late night television comedians.

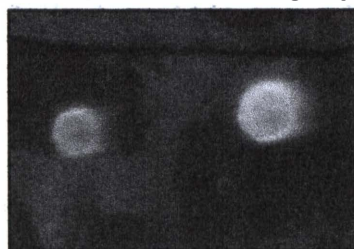
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/1569371/Pilots-call-for-new-UFO-investigation.html>

#### **UFO-Kontakt, of IG AP-Deutschland (Germany), September/December 2008 UFO sightings over England in June 2008**

UFO expert David Coggings reported about UFO incidents in England: In the last three months pilots have at least two to three times per week reported UFOs over the Bristol Channel. Around 15 to 20 percent could not be identified! We will follow this incident (even has been reported in the BILD-Zeitung!) to keep watching.

#### **Orbs in ancient site**

I recently photographed some anomalous lights, presumably in this case of the "earthlights" kind rather than the extraterrestrial, when taking a picture of the inside of Lower Innisidgen Entrance Tomb on St. Mary's on the Isles of Scilly. I did not see them while taking the picture.



**Memories of Philip Rodgers  
by Tony Wedd**

I was visiting Philip Rodgers in February, 1960, and at a request from Winifred Graville (who did automatic writing as her method of contacting the Space People) took him up to Edale Moor so that they could conduct some kind of experiment. Philip was blind, the climb was stiff, and we arrived at the hilltop eyrie very exhausted. He played the recorder, I went to sleep. In the afternoon of the following day we phoned Winifred, and at the time she was doing her automatic writing. It was a memorable phone call, even if only for managing a 3-

hour conversation at second hand with a space person for the price of a local call! First we were congratulated on the success of the experiment. Then Philip had some information on the construction of his "Yonskaler", then I was asked to oblige the Space People by taking up a communications link, telepathically, sitting in the same place at the same time, then the talk ranged over the various machines used for achieving better results in communications.

1959 was to have been the year of the Chiding Day, a sort of festival concerned with space travel and space people, with George Adamski speaking from the Chiding Stone (Chiddingstone, Kent) as the climax. He didn't want to oblige, but I had contacted Philip Rodgers and his acceptance was the beginning of a long friendship that only came to an end when we left England in 1970. Together we began the construction of the "Cofostin" coffee pot, which was to have been operated by free energy, set into motion by putting the lid on top of the flask. We had read something of the sort in the story of an American contactee Reinhold Schmidt, who had been on board a space ship and seen one in use.

We made a number of mistakes in our first prototype, and after a visit to the Rodgers home, I made some modifications to the gadget, but it still failed to work. When I took up a contact invitation, I wrote a lot of interesting guff, and was invited to take my coffee pot along to meet a landed flying saucer and get advice on what it still needed. I kept the rendezvous, but was not met there, and in consequence began to lose faith in the genuineness of the communications.

However, there is one memory that cannot be erased, for it vividly brings back to me the conviction that Philip and I were tapping some source of real information. We were in a train together, and passed the time by holding a communication session on the details of the coffee pot. Philip, in describing some of the interior heating mechanism, mentioned that there was a coil there, but as he was getting rather tired suggested that I should take over the reception. I then did so, relaxing and making my mind a blank. Then I saw a figure of eight, and knew that at the crossover of the two sides there was a gap, so that they did not touch. However, to my mind, trained as I was in radio communications, this did not constitute a coil, so I said to Philip that I was not getting anything relevant.

When he took over he said, "Ah yes, there's a leminiscate. One loop a bit bigger than the other. Length of small loop three linus, length of large loop five linus. Gap between two wires at the crossover, one linus." Evidently I had seen it too. The linus was a unit of two centimetres, which he supposed to be the Space People's measurement. He also had terms for their unit of weight and unit of time, but I can only remember the latter: 45 hours is a "mervin".

**From *T for Tomorrow*, an unpublished book by Tony Wedd, reprinted in *Earth People, Space People*.**

## **THE HIDDEN UNITY and BEGINNINGS**

*The Hidden Unity* looks at the strange phenomenon of subconscious siting of ley points, and notes that places of worship, of all religions and all ages, tend to predominate on leys. The environmental and philosophical implications of this are discussed, and the apparent necessity of worship but irrelevance of doctrine. Two ley centres are given as examples, and investigated in depth - the Shah Jehan Mosque in Woking and the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple, Scunthorpe. There is an appendix by Eileen Grimshaw on the significance of the Pagan religion to this study. Illustrated with photographs, maps and line drawings. **£2 plus 30p p&p from the Amskaya address. Please make cheques payable to J. Goddard.**

*Beginnings* is about a series of potentially useful discoveries, mainly made by Jimmy Goddard over a period of about twenty years, but having some overlap with discoveries made by others. For various reasons, the investigations are all in their early stages, and some have not been continued. They include earth energy detection, natural antigravity, subconscious siting, ley width, and the solar transition effect. There is also a chapter on cognitive dissonance - a psychological factor which seems to have been at the root of all bigotry - scientific, religious and other - down the ages. The booklet is concluded with an account of the discovery of leys by Alfred Watkins. **£2 plus 30p p&p from the Amskaya address. Please make cheques payable to J. Goddard.**

## **EARTH PEOPLE, SPACE PEOPLE**

In 1961, Tony Wedd produced a manuscript *Earth Men, Space Men*, detailing many claims of extraterrestrial contact. It was never published, and I had thought it was lost, though it has recently been located - Tony had given it to Timothy Good. To try to make up for the loss in a much more modest size, this booklet was prepared. As well as giving details of some of the more prominent contact claims, there are articles on the history of the STAR Fellowship and some of its personalities, evidence for life in the Solar System and investigation into extraterrestrial language.

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